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## ARDMORE DELUGED WITH RAIN AND SWEEPED WITH WIND

**THIRD WARD SCHOOL BUILDING CRUSHED AND ONE CHILD BURIED UNDER DEBRIS. OTHERS WERE INJURED. EVIDENCE FURNISHED THAT STORM WAS A TWISTER.**

North Part of the City Escaped. Storm Path Was South of Main Street. City Will be in Darkness tonight. O. L. Dennes' Brick Home Badly Damaged. No Loss of Life is Reported as Result of Storm—Joiner City Suffers Heavy Damage, Only Three Buildings Left Standing—Electric Company Heavy Sufferer in this City—Streets Will be Dark Tonight—Deluge of Rain Fell During the Storm—Farm Houses Down All Along Railroad Between Ringling and this City.

A heavy wind and rain storm passed over this city about nine-thirty this morning that caused considerable loss of property and injured several persons. The third ward school building was the scene of intense excitement when the southwest portion of the roof was blown off and a section of the upper wall blown in, several of the pupils were injured, but none seriously, which is indeed a miracle when the magnitude of the storm is taken into consideration.

The storm came from the southwest and the most of the damage inflicted in the city was in the third and fourth wards. In the fourth ward on C street, and east along First avenue, east of the Tyler & Simpson Co., several small frame houses were either completely or partly demolished, and one family, that of J. E. McLaughlin, had a narrow escape. As it resulted, Mr. McLaughlin was severely injured by flying fragments of timber, his right arm was severely bruised and cut, his wife and small child and his sister and her baby were uninjured though badly frightened. McLaughlin was taken to the Hardy sanitarium for treatment.

At the third ward school building the greatest excitement prevailed and when it became known that the building was blown in, parents rushed frantically through the torrential rain that was falling to assist in removing their children, if possible from the building.

Several pupils were slightly injured, the most seriously were Miss Orce Madden, who was seated close to the wall when the force of the cyclone struck, and was almost completely buried by falling brick. That she was not more seriously injured, is a miracle.

Esther Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Smith, a pupil in the school, had an arm broken and was otherwise seriously bruised. Wilbur Fieldbinder was also seriously injured by falling brick and timbers.

On account of the excitement and the fact that telephone wires are down all over the city, it is difficult to get details in every instance. That more were not injured and perhaps killed in the stampede following the storm speaks well for the discipline of the school. Miss Madden was a pupil in Miss Morgan's room, and the most serious injury she sustained was in the right limb.

Hobson Cloer, a pupil ran from the building through the rain and summoned medical assistance. Willie Pot-

ter and A. Howard, two 8th grade pupils were injured.

W. E. Green, principal of the school was in the office when the crash came. He was knocked down, and considerably bruised, but not severely injured.

The Catholic church was twisted from its foundation and badly damaged, this is the third time this structure has suffered from wind storms. The new home of Shelton Tyre at Third and B street was completely leveled and roof and second story of the new brick residence of O. L. Dennes was completely demolished, the roof and chimneys of the residence yards from the building. Mrs. Dennes was fortunate in not being in the building at the time. She became frightened when the storm broke and went to the home of a neighbor. She had just left the building when it was wrecked.

The roof of the residence of C. L. Byrne was damaged as well as the roof and chimneys of the residence of Mrs. W. R. Moore, beside the injury to the Moore residence, a servants' house was completely wrecked as well as a servant's house in the rear of the residence of B. A. Simpson.

**Light Plant Out of Business.**

The storm wrought havoc with the Ice, Light & Power Co., the poles on C street, S. E. from the Santa Fe railroad to the plant are all down as well as poles on south Mill street, the telephone lines in that section also suffered heavily. It will take several days to repair the damage. The chief engineer at the light plant stated this morning that there would be no power service in the city this afternoon or tonight, except at the plant and the southeastern part of the city. Shade trees all over the city were damaged and several minor injuries to residences have been reported, but none of a serious nature.

**School Board Meet This Afternoon**

President Heffner of the school board stated that he would call a meeting of the board this afternoon and determine what disposition would be made with the pupils of the third ward school for the remainder of the term. He stated that it was possible that they would be removed to the high school building as it will be practically impossible to get the building in repair before the term closes. The board carried tornado insurance on the building to the amount of \$15,000.

**Heavy Rainfall.**

The rainfall registered at the local observatory at seven o'clock this morning was 0.60 inches, the downpour accompanying the storm caused the gauge to read 1.20 inches at noon today. That none were more seriously injured, and that there was no loss of life seems almost a miracle in the face of the damage wrought to small frame buildings especially those along C street, S. E. The wind storm was of short duration and does not seem to have been a twister, although the antics cut by the storm in the south west part of the city would indicate that it was. Near the Dennes home is a small bungalow under construction, and the loose shingles on the roof were not even disturbed. The same is true of other buildings under construction in that immediate neighborhood. No estimate has been put on the damage to the Dennes home, but it will be heavy.

**The Flouring Mill**

The flouring mill seemed to be in the heart of the storm district. The roof was torn from about half of the main building, out houses were blown down, fencing was destroyed and

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## OIL DERRICKS BLOWN DOWN AT PETROLIA

**TWENTY-FIVE DERRICKS IN THE PETROLIA FIELD BLOWN DOWN AND SEVERAL RESIDENCES ARE DAMAGED.**

Wichita Falls, Tex., May 6.—Twenty-five derricks were blown down in the windstorm in the Petrolia oil field this morning. Several residences there were also damaged. The wheat fields in the valley are flooded by the rain.

## EQUALIZATION BOARD RAISES ROAD VALUES

**ASSESSMENTS HEAVILY ADVANCED ON SOME — SANTA FE AND KATY LEAD IN VALUES — PROPERTIES INCREASE.**

Oklahoma City, May 5.—The state board of equalization today made tentative assessment of the steam railroads of Oklahoma and left it with the attorney general when a meeting shall be called to hear arguments of the roads in the matter. The assessments are the same as last year save a few noteworthy increases. The Orient was assessed at \$20,000 a mile, an increase of \$6,000 over last year. The Arkansas Valley & Western, a Frisco property, was increased to \$40,000, which is \$13,425 more than last year on each mile. The Wichita Falls and Northwestern was assessed at \$21,400, as compared with \$11,000 last year. The Ringling road is assessed at \$10,000, an increase of \$2,500. All the others were left at last year's figures.

The Santa Fe has the highest tentative assessment, at \$50,588. The Katy is \$50,540, the Rock Island \$44,982, Frisco, \$42,840, Iron Mountain \$23,000, Kansas City Southern \$30,000, Midland Valley \$13,000. This despite an appeal by officials of that company for a reduction on showing of lack of returns on the investment and bad business.

**MEXICAN FIGHT AT MORALES.**

**Armies of Villa and Obregon Engaged in Battle There.**

Washington, May 6.—It is reported that the armies of Villa and Obregon are fighting today at Morales. The Carranza agency here says that Obregon is attacking Aguas Calientes.

**JITNEY MEN TO APPEAL.**

**Attorneys for jitney Owners to Make Appeal to Higher Courts.**

Fort Worth Tex., May 6.—It was announced today that the jitney attorneys expect to appeal to the United States supreme court, the case decided against them by the state court of criminal appeals yesterday.

**ULTIMATUM AT PEKIN.**

**Ultimatum Received at Legation Today—To Be Presented.**

Pekin, May 6.—Japan's ultimatum to China has reached the Japanese legation here. It probably will be presented to the Chinese authorities this afternoon.

**SNOW IN PANHANDLE.**

Dalhart, Tex., May 6.—Fruit trees heavy with unripened fruit today are white with snow, which followed an all-night rain.

## MAID TELLS OF EFFORTS MADE TO BRIBE HER

**NEGRO MAID OF MRS. CARMAN SAYS NEGRO DETECTIVE OFFERED HER THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS TO LIE.**

Mineola, N. Y., May 5.—Celia Coleman, the negro maid at Mrs. Florence Carman's trial, testified today that a negro detective offered her three hundred dollars to change her testimony so that it would be favorable to Mrs. Carman.

## SUFFRAGISTS BESIEGING THE WHITE HOUSE

**TWO PHILADELPHIA WOMAN SUFFRAGISTS ARE REMAINING ON GUARD AT WHITE HOUSE TRYING TO SEE PRESIDENT.**

Washington, May 6.—Two Philadelphia women suffragettes, Mrs. Lawrence Lewis, Jr., and Mrs. Harry Lowenburg, are besieging the white house today trying to see President Wilson to request him to see the suffragettes' delegation. Although refused an interview they are remaining on guard at the white house offices.

**RAILWAY MAIL CLERK ESTABLISHES NEW RECORD**

Oklahoma City, May 6.—Handling 1,061 cards in twenty-four minutes with a score of 100 per cent correct, William L. Bolton, a railway mail clerk running between Monett, Mo., and Oklahoma City established a new record in mail clerks' examinations, according to the records checked by Examiner W. C. Campbell today. Several instances are on record where over a thousand pieces of mail were handled without an error, but the time of twenty-four minutes made by Bolton, sets a new precedent. There were 55 separations in the examination, each card representing a post office. Bolton averaged a speed of 44 cards per minute. Examinations of railway mail clerks are conducted semi-annually.

**Residence Burns at Durant**

Durant, Okla., May 5.—Fire of unknown origin this morning destroyed the home of Dr. E. P. James. Total loss of house and contents is \$3,000, partly covered by insurance. Six other residences in the immediate neighborhood caught fire during the conflagration.

**TOBACCO DEALERS REMINDED OF SPECIAL \$2.40 WAR TAX**

Oklahoma City, May 6.—Notices to nearly 10,000 Oklahoma tobacco dealers to pay the special six months' war tax of \$2.40 are being mailed by collector of internal revenue Hubert L. Bolen. This tax must be paid by the end of June or a penalty of 50 cents attaches. There are 30,000 special tax payers in Oklahoma, according to figures in the revenue department, and an effort will be made by the collector to mail each one a slip showing the special amount due, and when it must be paid.

**Allies Can't Hold Ypres.**

Berlin May 6.—It is believed here that the French and British will hardly be able to hold Ypres another week. The Germans are reported to have gained nearly three miles of ground there within the last few days. It is declared that the retreat of the allies is disorderly, leaving numerous dead and wounded.

Have you a house or a room you wish to rent? It will cost but thirty cents to rent it—try the want ads.

## DESPERATE BATTLE ALONG THE WEST GALICIAN FRONT

**VIENNA SAYS BATTLE OF MOST DESPERATE CHARACTER CONTINUED ALL NIGHT, AND TODAY BETWEEN AUSTROGERMAN FORCES AND RUSSIANS.**

Capture of Position After Position from Russians is Claimed—Paris claims French Repulsed German Attack Last Night North of Ypres—British Regain Part of Trenches on Hill Number Sixty, Which They Lost to Germans Yesterday—Believed Germans are Again Massing Their Troops for Another Drive on the Channel—England Requests Egyptian Government to Prohibit Exportation of Cotton to Other than French, Russian, Spanish and Portuguese Ports—Turks Claim Allies Hold Only Two Positions on Gallipoli Peninsula and These only by Help of Fire from the Warships.

**Will Instruct Tax Assessors**

Oklahoma City, Okla., May 5.—Governor Williams will tomorrow send letters to all county assessors calling attention to the fact that the gross production tax enacted by the recent legislature is in lieu of all other taxes on oil-producing equipments, and instructing them not to assess such other property. There has been a determined effort in some of the counties on the part of the assessors to make such assessments. Their compensation is on a percentage basis.

**Murray's Home Damaged by Fire**

Washington, May 5.—Fire did damage to the amount of \$200 in the home of Representative William H. Murray of Oklahoma, at 1464 Monroe street, northwest, this morning. The fire was discovered in a closet and was of unknown origin.

**BRITONS RESCUE GERMANS AFTER NORTH SEA FIGHT**

London, May 5.—The British admiralty, in a statement issued this evening says that after the naval action in the North sea on Saturday afternoon when the British destroyer Recruit and two German torpedo boats were sunk, strenuous efforts were made to rescue the German sailors, Lieutenant Henry J. Hartnoll going into the water himself to save a German. In consequence, two officers and forty-four men out of a total of fifty-nine were picked up. German prisoners, the admiralty statement adds, said they sank a British trawler before they were sighted by the British destroyer Laforey and that they had picked up a lieutenant and two men. When asked what had become of their captives, the Germans said they were below decks and probably perished when the vessel sank, the time being short.

**THLOCCO CASE ON TRIAL.**

Oil Lands Valued at Nearly \$2,000,000 Are Involved. Muskogee, Okla., May 5.—The government and the defendants, after a two days' conference, failed to reach an agreement, and the famous Barney Thlocco case went to trial in the federal court here today. The suit involved the Thlocco allotment in the Cushing oil fields, valued at nearly \$2,000,000. The question to be decided at this time is whether or not Barney Thlocco was entitled to an allotment as shown by the records of the Dawes commission. Thlocco is not entitled to an allotment unless it is shown that he lived on April 1, 1899. The government contends that he died in January that year, and the defendants claim he died on April 5 that year. If the defendants win, a contest will follow involving sixty-two persons who claim to be Thlocco's heirs. If the government wins, the land will go to the Creek tribe of Indians. The trial will continue for several days.

**Judge Cotteral is Ill.**

Oklahoma City, May 5.—Owing to the illness of Judge J. F. Cotteral, of the federal court, no sessions were held during the first three days of this week. The court has set the criminal docket to begin May 12. May 24 in this court Judge Youmans of the western district of Arkansas the two-cent fare cases of the railroads against the state are scheduled to be resumed following the interruption of last month when Judge Youmans was ill.

**Arrested for Espionage.**

Vienna, May 6.—Former United States Senator Lafayette Young of Des Moines, Iowa and the former American vice consul at Berne, Switzerland, have been arrested at Innsbruck, Austria, on suspicion of espionage. However, it proved to be a case of mistaken identity and both were released. Apologies were made to Young.

**Prohibit Cotton Exports**

London, May 6.—England has requested the government of Egypt to prohibit the export of cotton to all ports other than French, Russian, Spanish and Portuguese. England expects Egypt very soon to apply this embargo.

**Allies Making Progress.**

London, May 6.—Premier Asquith told the house of commons today that the operations in the Dardanelles are being pressed forward under highly satisfactory conditions.

**Ardmoreite Want Ads bring results**

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**WEATHER FORECAST**

New Orleans, La., May 6.—The weather forecast for Oklahoma for tonight is unsettled with rain in the eastern portion and much colder.

Friday fair.

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## TODAY'S PAPER

When the storm this morning put the power plant out of commission, every wheel in the Ardmoreite office stopped. However, all hands got busy and this afternoon the chug of gasoline engines are eager to tell you the story. The paper is being got out under difficulties that we hope will soon be overcome. We ask the indulgence of the public in our present dilemma.

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